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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1957.

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th September, 1957 -

Males - 356,666

Females - 338,170

Persons - 694,836

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1957 -

Persons - 376,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	NOVEMBER		Eleven Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Marriages - Number	374	459	4,496	4,708
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.53	8.20	7.11	7.60
Births - Number	1,336	1,378	15,637	15,788
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	23.32	24.62	24.71	25.47
Deaths - Number	418	431	4,886	5,214
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	7.30	7.70	7.72	8.41
Infant - Number	27	19	325	347
Mortality) * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	20.21	13.79	20.78	21.98
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	3	2	31	41
Malignant neoplasms	56	65	738	741
Diabetes mellitus	3	2	59	61
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	2	14	12
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	52	50	541	630
Diseases of the heart	129	147	1,477	1,650
Hypertension with heart disease	8	9	132	139
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	-	6	57	67
Arteriosclerosis	10	10	130	144
Influenza	3	2	37	17
Pneumonia	16	17	199	211
Bronchitis	2	7	59	61
Other respiratory diseases	8	8	72	79
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	5	2	35	30
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	3	2	15	14
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	1	7	8
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	8	21	29
Nephritis and nephrosis	4	9	66	75
Diseases of the prostate	5	2	54	49
Maternal causes	-	1	5	8
Diseases of early infancy	15	7	191	195
Motor vehicle accidents	10	18	132	178
Other accidents	21	14	166	199
Suicide	5	2	81	86
All other causes	57	38	567	490
Total:	418	431	4,886	5,214

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

† Deaths under one year.

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Submitted by the Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Prisons

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LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the twelve months ended December, 1957, totalled 933,919 acres, an increase of 228,050 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 5,794,950 acres, an increase of 1,914,284.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,034,294	3,965,611	25,851,183	24,833,832
Revenue per Head of Population	7. 4. 4	5. 15. 11	37. 3. 11	36. 9. 3
Expenditure	5,276,469	4,873,066	29,222,576	28,353,615
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 11. 4	7. 2. 6	42. 0. 11	41. 12. 7

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of December, 1957, amounted to £64,924,188 or £93-0-4 per head of population as against £61,066,861 or £89-3-5 per head at the end of December, 1956.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the five weeks ended 31st December, 1957, amounted to £16,030,107 compared with £14,162,720 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1957	1956	1957	1956
Transfers	No.	1,524	1,206	10,144	8,450
	£.	3,040,286	1,948,943	17,056,523	12,151,884
Mortgages	No.	1,063	933	7,498	6,152
	£.	1,765,994	1,783,260	14,900,025	11,247,519
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	332	682	5,122	4,736

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS
AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
December, 1957	3,711,119	2,481,116	9,241,350	557,563
December, 1956	3,681,418	2,068,336	10,382,752	688,829
Six months ended December, 1957	21,603,642	17,253,400	61,582,365	3,254,931
Six months ended December, 1956	20,388,838	12,998,321	58,530,464	3,132,257

STATE OF NEW YORK

IN SENATE,
January 10, 1907.
REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE
IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE
MAY 1, 1896.

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CHAPTER I.

General Statement of the Land Office.

The Land Office is a department of the State of New York, and is charged with the management of the State Lands. It is organized into three divisions: the Division of Lands, the Division of Claims, and the Division of Surveying. The Division of Lands is the largest and is responsible for the management of the State Lands. It is organized into three sections: the Section of Lands, the Section of Claims, and the Section of Surveying. The Division of Claims is responsible for the management of the State Claims. It is organized into two sections: the Section of Claims, and the Section of Surveying. The Division of Surveying is responsible for the management of the State Surveying. It is organized into two sections: the Section of Surveying, and the Section of Surveying.

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Statement of the Land Office for the Year 1906.

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COMPANIES REGISTERED

155 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £6,361,000 and 55 Foreign Companies were registered during the six months ended December, 1957. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 105 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,308,000 and 44 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Six Months ended DECEMBER					
	1957			1956		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	51	118,439	53,291	47	118,654	125,132
Deeds of Assignment (a)	57	210,443	194,221	47	173,058	221,668
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Gross Earnings (a)* £.	1,024,900	1,073,267	5,401,800	6,278,267
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,234,002	1,386,403	6,191,360	6,715,751
Train Miles Run No.	599,524	672,602	3,091,994	3,744,450
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 108,405	(b) 111,106	(c) 524,574	(c) 546,317
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,062,066	980,098	5,980,844	5,506,251
Motor Bus No.	21,747	23,621	122,209	129,605
<u>Tonnage Carried</u>				
Paying Goods	254,257	289,823	1,332,356	1,787,280
Livestock	14,269	17,240	71,758	80,506
Departmental (Free Freight)	70,652	64,128	277,912	305,138
Total:	339,178	371,191	1,682,026	2,172,924
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	39,313,542	48,874,291	220,221,629	293,967,377
Livestock	2,083,543	2,281,352	10,224,455	10,834,622
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,056,806	7,356,735	29,962,618	36,565,444
Total:	48,453,891	58,512,378	260,408,702	341,367,443

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 9th November

(c) Period ended November.

* Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,930
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
Year 1956	5,219	1,856	24	724	9,067	4,582	85	1,057
1957 -								
January	376	99	-	82	684	250	5	122
February	471	114	-	83	769	261	8	116
March	419	168	2	78	690	418	4	112
April	414	169	4	84	696	432	5	127
May	581	177	2	67	961	409	5	113
June	398	153	1	51	761	343	2	75
July	485	187	6	71	882	395	8	112
August	409	231	3	65	769	452	6	96
September	474	169	4	88	806	391	6	112
October	563	225	1	87	965	474	3	122
November	548	220	7	112	951	524	9	160

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1955 -								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
1956 -								
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
December	64,158	24,641	573	9,133	101,708	64,765	1,209	13,551
1957 -								
January	64,665	24,724	569	9,162	100,818	62,770	1,109	12,990
February	64,766	24,703	569	9,114	101,940	63,853	1,204	13,266
March	64,839	24,656	571	9,070	102,628	64,485	1,212	13,378
April	65,184	24,561	576	9,119	102,327	63,697	1,212	13,163
May	65,369	24,485	576	9,071	103,555	64,542	1,219	13,350
June	65,013	24,354	580	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,224	13,146
July	66,611	24,648	582	8,636	103,890	63,064	1,221	12,550
August	66,632	24,545	589	8,526	104,271	63,181	1,231	12,471
September	66,555	24,320	594	8,329	104,524	63,170	1,238	12,298
October	66,996	24,376	596	8,367	104,923	62,896	1,228	12,154
November	67,178	24,301	605	8,382	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Not available.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	3,481	4,370	18,408	18,233	9,741	12,834	44,379	53,595
Interstate	9,356	9,624	41,193	39,919	3,311	1,929	16,884	16,187
Total	12,837	13,994	59,601	58,152	13,052	14,763	61,263	69,782

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
Year 1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957 -										
March Qr.	287	852	774	2,194	21	263	149	1,798	1,231	5,107
June Qr.	418	1,134	1,071	3,103	27	455	154	1,186	1,670	5,878
Sept. Qr.	275	784	1,396	3,972	28	178	207	1,363	1,906	6,297

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
Year 1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957 -										
March Qr.	610	2,025	3	7	407	890	1	2	1,021	2,924
June Qr.	845	2,768	10	20	576	1,295	1	1	1,432	4,084
Sept. Qr.	1,018	3,223	5	11	601	1,405	2	3	1,626	4,642

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	DECEMBER		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
GOLD				
Quantity Fine ozs.	116,900	65,032	896,683	812,380
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,826,530	1,016,121	14,010,636	12,693,427
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	604,375	465,312	2,401,886	2,199,083

* Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Ltd.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
Metropolitan Area	2946	3017	3046	3004	2707	2690	2729	2655
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3160	3240	3214	3170	2617	2616	2625	2563
Northam	3087	3150	3142	3055	2686	2644	2691	2584
Bunbury	3142	3136	3142	3064	2765	2720	2749	2664
Geraldton	3211	3209	3229	3110	2926	2885	2916	2825
Collie	3157	3154	3173	3088	2509	2478	2504	2434

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Month	1956			1957		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	136,330	43,687	180,017	134,232	43,806	178,038
February	137,946	44,627	182,573	134,594	44,839	179,433
March	137,563	44,762	182,325	134,816	45,022	179,838
April	136,859	44,848	181,707	134,587	44,505	179,092
May	136,208	45,034	181,242	134,124	44,691	178,815
June	135,482	44,565	180,047	133,650	44,159	177,809
July	134,639	44,545	179,184	133,311	44,323	177,634
August	134,685	44,019	178,704	133,411	44,457	177,868
September	134,431	44,167	178,598	133,669	44,815	178,484
October	134,494	44,189	178,683	134,413	44,907	179,320
November	134,756	44,368	179,124			
December	134,699	44,623	179,322			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
January	213	226	237	241	234
February	217	228	240	241	234
March	220	231	242	240	235
April	221	230	243	239	234
May	222	231	242	238	235
June	220	230	239	235	233
July	221	230	238	233	232
August	221	230	239	232	232
September	223	232	241	233	234
October	224	233	241	234	235
November	227	234	243	234	
December	227	233	242	235	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1956 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
28/10/57	13. 12. 9	8. 17. 3	13. 11. 5	8. 16. 5	13. 6. 7	8. 13. 3

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	46,357	43,971	281,872	270,334
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	42,178	40,308	254,965	245,086

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
November, 1957	9,012	750	154,314	18,721
November, 1956	8,429	514	166,194	15,252
5 Months ended November, 1957	59,953	2,713	697,549	83,141
5 Months ended November, 1956	60,073	2,163	704,630	62,010

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
Year 1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
<u>1957 -</u>										
January	405	185	169	94	574	279	3	7	228	118
February	408	144	183	76	591	220	5	3	220	104
March	520	182	192	84	712	266	8	7	219	118
April	493	197	174	90	667	287	10	3	227	123
May	542	185	192	64	734	249	6	8	217	83
June	618	202	192	94	810	296	12	7	239	125
July	558	190	199	62	757	252	5	4	231	81
August	622	186	193	81	815	267	5	9	238	110
September	454	165	160	58	614	223	8	1	177	85
October*	497	180	213	84	710	264	4	4	271	122
November	457	175	177	96	634	271	10	5	217	136
Total Eleven Months ended November	5,574	1,991	2,044	883	7,618	2,874	76	58	2,484	1,205

* Revised.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1957	1956	1957	1956
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	427	371	2,913	2,935
Bricks - Cement	'000	55	116	1,068	1,091
- Clay	'000	6,940	5,790	54,095	45,409
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	93	82	793	619
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,016	1,638	14,231	11,484
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gal.	24,156	22,153	155,413	147,931
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	382	253	3,814	2,418
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)17,268	(a)19,523	(b)89,874	(b)95,959
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	651	654	5,468	4,429
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	67	1,387	820	2,699
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,991	3,631	29,727	26,763
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	296	450	2,236	3,083
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	95	102	661	1,125
- 2 piece	no.	1,437	1,533	10,204	10,825
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	4,765	5,514	29,506	31,363
- Work	no.	6,246	6,378	74,375	79,036
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes(all types)	pair	18,821	25,936	164,780	182,229
Sandals	pair	36,270	21,960	129,975	129,983
Slippers	pair	27,611	35,201	148,339	214,607
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	707	861	3,571	3,865
Butter	'000 lb.	1,429	1,768	12,084	12,788
Cheese	'000 lb.	205	313	1,782	1,925
Jams	'000 lb.	17	11	300	265
Margarine	'000 lb.	73	71	654	744
Sauce - Tomato	Imperial pint	32,815	43,602	390,418	405,069
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	215	828	3,600	3,971
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	141	88	814	723
- Nitric	cwt.	26	56	208	338
- Sulphuric	ton	17,948	11,972	102,933	81,746
Coal	ton	41,807	45,558	437,805	439,950
Cycles, Pedal	no.	1,019	999	2,807	3,653
Gas Produced	Million cu. ft.	111	114	743	765
Iron (Pig Iron)	ton	1,075	1,198	6,945	7,057
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,466	1,710	13,862	12,222
- Woven Wire	no.	1,241	984	13,062	13,193
- Soft Filled	no.	3,012	3,217	18,414	18,465
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	39	37	219	250
Utilities (all types)	no.	2	-	13	12
Trailers (all types)	no.	14	28	60	77
Perambulators	no.	55	49	402	298
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	6,151	6,923	38,681	39,788
Superphosphate	ton	50,715	30,928	285,466	220,880
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,416	2,061	13,327	12,224

(a) November figures, December not available.

(b) Five months ended November.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.
(£ Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1956-57	27.5	11.1	18.9	16.5	27.8	11.2	7.4	6.0	29.1	155.5	49.3
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.0
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.9
1956	6.6	2.4	4.8	4.5	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	6.8	36.9	12.8
1957	6.6	2.7	4.8	4.6	5.9	2.7	1.8	1.4	7.0	37.5	12.3
June Qtr.											
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	11.7
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	13.0
1956	6.9	2.6	4.3	3.5	7.3	2.8	1.6	1.4	7.1	37.5	11.3
1957	6.9	2.9	4.9	3.9	7.3	2.9	1.8	1.5	7.2	39.3	13.3
Sept. Qtr.											
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.5	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.9	2.8	4.4	3.6	6.5	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.8	36.7	11.2
1957	7.0	3.0	4.8	3.9	6.7	2.8	1.8	1.6	7.4	39.0	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.8	2.5	4.7	4.2	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	14.2
1956	7.1	2.7	4.8	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.6	8.1	42.0	12.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 25% of Total Sales)

FRUIT

Item	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	32. 0	21. 9	21. 5	15. 3	12.10	9. 8	8. 3	8. 2	10. 2	12. 0	13.11	
Oranges - Navel	bushel	-	-	-	-	30. 2	19. 4	19. 7	23. 5	27. 1	32. 4	-	
- Valencia	bushel	27. 2	27. 6	33. 9	39. 5	27. 0	27. 0	24. 2	18. 2	22. 1	21. 1	21. 6	
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 4	1. 2	1. 4	1. 5	1. 4	1. 4	1.11	2. 1	1.11	1. 7	1. 4	
Apples - Granny Smith	bushel	20. 0	19. 8	14. 5	19.10	24. 3	25. 9	27. 3	32. 6	42. 6	44. 9	57. 9	
- Other	bushel	21. 5	17.11	16.10	22. 8	23. 8	24. 5	27. 1	32. 8	42. 0	46. 5	63. 8	
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	20. 9	15. 9	15. 8	21.11	20. 2	18. 9	23. 8	30. 0	38. 0	-	-	
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	26. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 4	
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	24.11	25. 1	25. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	19. 6	16. 8	25. 5	36.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	18. 5	18. 8	19. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.10	
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bushel	17. 0	20. 4	24. 9	27. 4	24.11	28. 6	-	-	-	-	-	

VEGETABLES

Item	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cabbage	50 lb. crate	3. 8	6.10	5. 8	6. 4	5. 6	5.11	12. 7	11.11	13. 5	5.10	7. 1	
Cauliflowers	dozen	-	27. 0	21. 8	17. 0	11.11	7. 2	19. 4	14. 9	7. 0	9. 6	9. 7	
Lettuce	crate	5. 9	6. 5	7.10	8. 3	6. 9	8. 0	15. 1	11. 9	11. 8	17. 0	13. 6	
Table Celery	dozen head	6. 4	4. 9	6. 6	4. 7	6. 5	5. 6	4. 3	9.10	10. 6	7.11	9. 0	
Beetroot	cwt.	16. 8	27. 7	28. 3	21. 2	20. 1	17. 0	29. 7	43. 7	49. 5	44. 3	30. 4	
Carrots	cwt.	20. 6	39.10	46. 7	56. 8	45. 6	31. 2	39.10	35. 9	42. 3	40. 7	24. 3	
Parsnips	cwt	69. 2	86. 1	111. 0	105. 9	84. 9	65. 9	73. 5	67. 0	68. 8	42.10	28. 6	
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	6. 3	8. 2	8. 2	6. 8	7. 6	5. 8	7. 9	8. 4	11. 2	4. 7	4. 0	
Swedes	cwt.	32. 9	67. 2	64. 1	74. 6	41. 9	29. 9	30. 6	31. 3	32. 2	31. 2	28. 6	
Runner Beans	lb.	5	9	11	7	6	9	1.11	2. 1	1. 3	10	10	
Peas	lb.	1. 7	2. 1	1.11	1. 4	1. 5	1. 9	2. 1	1. 4	11	9	11	
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	3	3	3	4	5	4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	2	
Pumpkin	bag	23. 3	18.10	16. 1	16. 8	14. 3	15. 4	16. 1	16. 3	21.11	19. 9	14. 9	
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bushel	9. 4	11. 3	13. 1	19. 5	15. 6	11. 9	15. 6	20.10	18. 8	46. 0	32. 8	
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	37. 3.0	40. 0.0	41. 8.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	+	+	+	+	
Potatoes (b)	ton	41.15.0	41.15.0	41.15.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	32. 0.0	

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area. / No local onions available.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth. / No Board Price, onions sold only by auction this month.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 50% of Total Sales)

LIVESTOCK

Item	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>												
Suckers	-	-	-	-	4. 8. 0	4.17. 0	4.12. 0	4. 7. 4	4. 4.10	3.17. 9	3.13. 2	
Lambs - In Wool	3.18. 0	4. 6. 8	4.11. 8	5. 7. 0	5.12. 5	6. 2. 7	4.16. 0	4. 7. 2	-	-	-	
- Shorn	-	-	-	4. 4. 0	4. 1. 7	4.19. 5	4. 9. 5	3.13. 7	3.14. 3	3. 9. 5	3. 7. 7	
Hoggets - In Wool	3.16. 8	4. 4. 8	4. 7. 8	4. 9.10	4.18. 8	5.12. 5	4.17. 3	3.17. 5	-	-	-	
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	3.12.10	5. 3. 7	3. 4. 3	-	-	-	-	
Ewes - In Wool	2.17. 0	3. 7. 8	3. 6. 3	4. 1.10	4.16. 3	5. 5. 3	4.18. 8	4. 8. 2	-	-	-	
- Shorn	-	-	-	2. 4. 0	3. 2. 3	4. 2. 3	3. 6. 0	2.11. 7	2. 6. 5	1.18. 2	1.17. 2	
Wethers - In Wool	3.17. 5	4. 3. 5	4. 3.10	4.16.10	5. 7.10	6. 7. 7	5. 6. 5	4. 3. 5	-	-	-	
- Shorn	-	-	-	2.18. 7	3. 7. 7	3.14. 5	3.14. 5	3. 3.11	2.16. 7	2.10.10	2.17. 9	
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>												
Baby Beef	29. 9. 0	27.13. 5	29. 9.10	34. 7. 7	40. 5. 5	40. 2. 0	39.14. 3	35.13. 4	32. 2. 2	29. 6. 0	20. 5.10	
Heifers	31. 2. 5	30.19. 3	34.15. 5	41.19.10	46. 0.10	46. 7.10	43.13. 3	39. 2.10	36. 0. 5	34. 7. 7	30. 3. 9	
Cows	41.10. 3	35. 7. 3	40.14. 5	45. 0.10	47.16. 3	47. 9. 3	48.16.10	39.15. 2	38.14. 6	36. 8.10	36.13. 6	
Steers	40. 3. 7	38. 8. 5	46.10.10	50.13. 7	53.15. 0	52. 9. 3	52. 7. 3	47.11. 9	44.14. 9	41. 4. 7	40. 0. 7	
Bullocks	46.10. 7	44. 4.10	44.13. 3	57. 1. 0	54. 8.10	52. 7. 7	50.17.10	45.19. 0	43.11.10	45. 7. 4	46. 6.11	
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>												
Slips	6. 8. 7	6.14. 3	6. 6. 5	5.12. 5	5. 6. 0	4.14. 0	4.16. 3	3.17. 3	3.15. 3	3. 7. 4	3. 0.11	
Porkers	10.18. 7	10. 3.10	9.16. 3	10.16. 0	9.13. 1	9. 4. 7	8.15. 1	8.12. 7	7.16. 8	7.10.10	7.11. 2	
Baconers	17.10. 3	17. 0.10	17. 0.10	16.16. 7	15.17. 0	15.17. 5	14.15. 0	14. 0. 8	13. 3. 8	12. 6. 8	12.13. 0	

∅ Decrease in price mainly due to a seasonal influx of light weight Baby Beef.

